



## USACE Navigation – Meeting America's Maritime Transportation Needs

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers navigation program is responsible for providing safe, reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally sustainable waterborne transportation systems for the movement of commercial goods and for national security needs. The program seeks to meet this responsibility through a combination of capital improvements and the operation and maintenance of existing infrastructure projects.

### Funding

The President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (FY14) includes \$4.826 billion in gross discretionary funding for the Civil Works program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) of which \$54.837 million is for Mississippi River & Tributaries. This Budget provides \$905 million for inland navigation, mostly for operations and maintenance, which is focused on maintaining reliable service at high use waterways that include: Upper Mississippi River (\$173 million); Ohio River (\$117 million); Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (\$58 million); Illinois Waterway (\$11.4 million); Tennessee River (\$23 million); and Black Warrior Tombigbee Waterway (\$22 million). The Budget also includes \$75 million to address drought conditions on the Mississippi River. The budget for coastal navigation provides \$978 million, mostly for project maintenance to facilitate the efficient movement by water of commercial cargo, including \$890 million that is eligible for reimbursement from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund. Funding to maintain navigation for the Mississippi River, Baton Rouge to the Gulf Project is increased to \$84 million to reflect increases in annual dredging costs. Construction funds are provided to continue deepening the New York and New Jersey Harbor (\$49 million) and to construct dredged material placement sites and beneficial use of dredged material sites at several high and moderate use deep draft ports (\$52 million) to enable critical maintenance dredging to continue. Also included is \$11 million to continue studies and designs, several of which will investigate deepening and or widening U.S. Ports to accommodate Post-Panamax commercial shipping. This Budget was developed using a risk management approach, which entails establishing priorities and focusing the available funding on the highest priority construction, operation, maintenance, and investigation activities.

Harbors and channels dredged and maintained by USACE support the Nation's economy, as well as contributing to both state and local government economic development, including job creation efforts. Over 97 percent of the overseas trade, by weight, and over 75 percent, by value, move through our ports by ship. These ports handle over 2 billion tons of commerce annually. Over 70 percent of imported oil and more than 48 percent of goods purchased by American consumers come through our ports. The U.S. transportation industry supports nearly \$2 trillion in commerce and creates employment for more than 13 million people. Dredging of Federal navigation channels can also provide environmental benefits in many areas where the dredged material is used to create, preserve, and restore wetlands, as well as other valuable habitat.

The Administration has re-proposed legislation to establish an inland waterways user fee that would raise revenue needed to augment current tax receipts to the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, sufficient to meet the user-financed share of the costs, and thus enable a greater level of capital investment on the inland waterways in the future.

### Objectives

- Maintain the inland and intracoastal waterways and coastal channels, with emphasis on those that carry the most tonnage.
- Recapitalize and upgrade projects where this would provide a high return to the Nation.

### Key Messages

- The USACE navigation program is a vital contributor to the nation's economic prosperity.
- USACE's navigation program's goal is to provide safe, reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally sustainable waterborne transportation systems.
- This Budget focuses funding on the highest priority capital investments and maintenance activities.

### Facts & Figures

- USACE maintains 12,000 miles of inland and intracoastal waterways with 241 lock chambers at 197 sites; and 926 coastal, Great Lakes, and inland channels and harbors comprising 13,000 miles of channels and 12 locks.
- USACE dredged 235 million cubic yards of material in 2012, which helps meet the changing world shipping fleet needs to accommodate wider and deeper ships.
- For more information about USACE's navigation program, visit <http://www.usace.army.mil/>.